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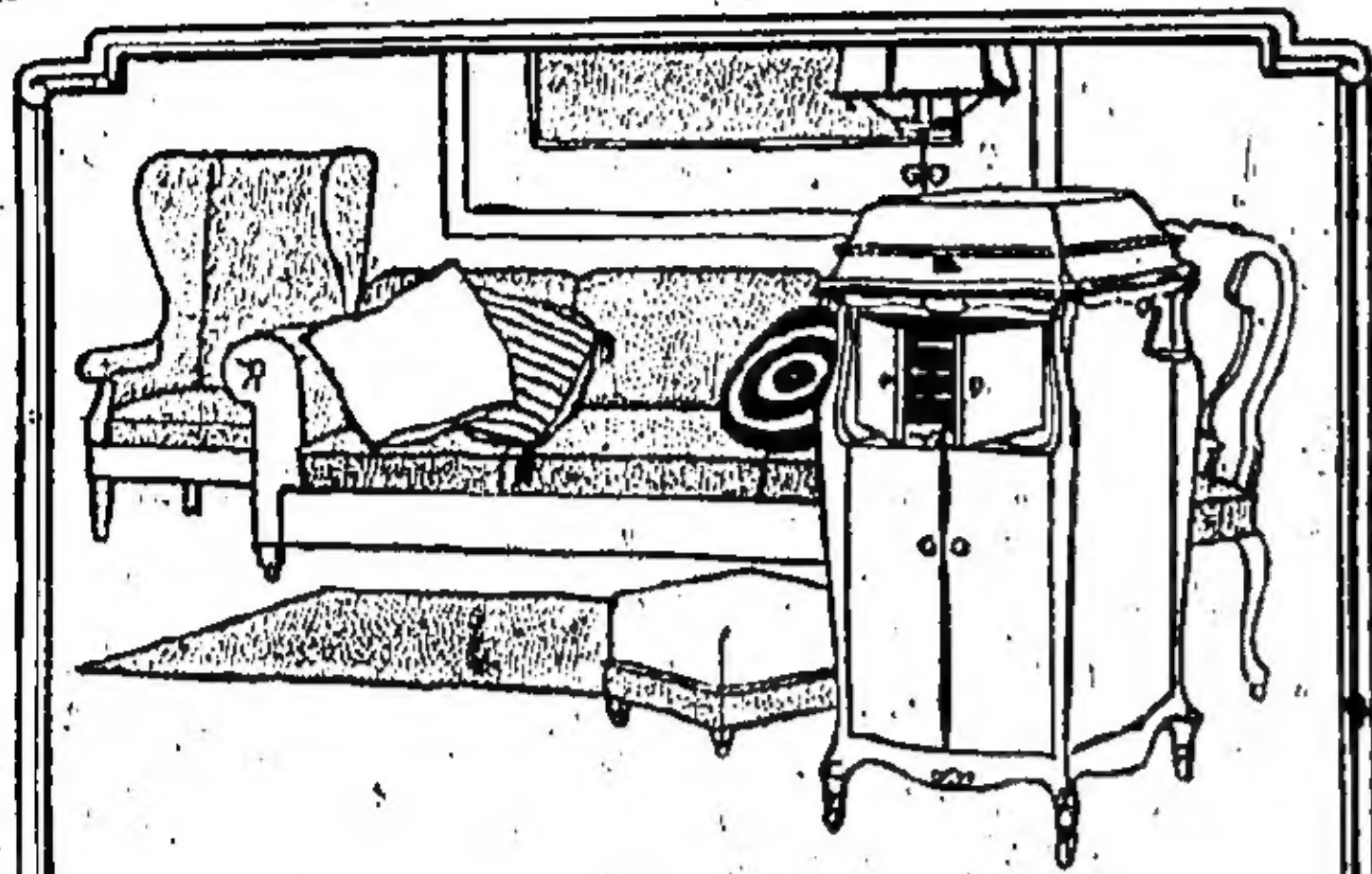
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### REPARATIONS JUGGLING.

#### RUHR FRANCE'S TRUMP CARD.

#### BELGIUM'S CASTING VOTE.

#### LATEST POLITICAL SPECULATIONS.

(Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, May 4.

During the visit to London of M. Theunis the Belgian Premier and M. Hymans, the Belgian Foreign Minister, who left for Brussels to-day, according to the *Observer's* diplomatic correspondent, only general principles were discussed.

The difficulty is that the French Government has hitherto not shown any willingness to give up the Ruhr as postulated in the Dawes scheme without a *quid pro quo*, and the Belgian Government is committed to support the French Government.

France could be induced to evacuate the Ruhr within a few weeks of the beginning of the operation of the Dawes scheme provided she had some security, regarding Germany's carrying out of the scheme, but the British Government finds it hard if not impossible, to accept the French Government's main proposals, namely the retention of the railway in the regions of the Ruhr and a detailed British undertaking to support France in punitive measures against Germany in the event of future default.

A formal conference may be arranged after the French elections on May 11. Meanwhile the French appear to desire to postpone any decision which might commit them to a definite reparations policy, this tendency being strengthened by the impression in Paris that the British Government's parliamentary position is insecure.

### POLITE FORCE.

#### RUSSIAN TRADE MISSION SEARCH.

GERMANS EXPLAIN.

BERLIN, May 5.

A German official account says that the search of the headquarters of the Russian trade mission (see page 8) was carried out with the utmost courtesy and moderation under the personal supervision of the chief of the political police.

There was no molestation of Russian clerks and force was only used in the case of one very obstinate official.

The cupboards of only one room were forced because the occupants refused to hand over the keys.

Diplomatic identity papers which were seized under the suspicion of not being genuine were handed back after verification.

### CONSPIRACY SUSPECTED.

LONDON, May 5.

It is officially stated that a Soviet source in London states that it became known in Berlin last week that a German secret monarchist organisation intended to commit some outrage against the Soviet Embassy on the eve of the elections with the object of influencing their course.

The raid represented the carrying into effect of plans previously prepared.

Secret and uniformed police, with the alleged object of searching for a fugitive criminal, spent four hours in the building, breaking open safes and examining official correspondence.

The statement adds that this act of violence will probably react against German and Soviet commercial relations.

### THEIR WORST STRETCH.

#### WORLD AVIATORS' PROGRESS.

#### OVER SEA AND LAND.

#### LINKING ASIA AND NORTH AMERICA.

(Reuter's American Service.)

NEW YORK, May 4.

The three American world fliers have arrived at Nazon on the Island of Attu from Dutch Harbour. Major Martin is still missing and the search for him is continuing.

CORDEVA, (ALASKA) May 4.

The world fliers have reached Aika, one of the Aleutian Islands. The fliers have now embarked upon the most difficult section of the whole route—the flight, alternately over sea and land, by the Kurile Islands, Kamchatka, the Aleutian Isles, and Alaska to Vancouver. The greater part of this section of 5,412 miles, which may be regarded as the trans-Pacific section, is fog infested and uninhabited. The islands off the Asiatic mainland are in the main rough masses of volcanic origin, but they have the great advantage of more or less bridging the ocean between Asia and North America and thus providing a practicable route for a flying machine. The distance between the islands is in many cases not great, but there is an awkward sea passage of 154 miles between Petropavlovsk in Kamchatka, where Soviet Russia is touched, and Nikolai, on the Kormandorsk Islands. Fog is likely to prove a serious obstacle in this region, as 60 per cent of the days of the month are foggy.

### EARLIER MESSAGES.

Peking, May 4.—An Air Department memorandum to the President says that arrangements have been completed for the reception of the British fliers. It specifies the points where landings may be made, and provides such assistance as may be necessary. A Chihling mandate later announces these arrangements, which, it is understood, will apply also to French and American fliers.

### MAJOR MARTIN STILL MISSING.

FALSE PASS, ALASKA, May 3. The overland searching party reports Major Martin's plane passed over Chignik Lagoon in the direction of Portage Bay. It is believed he was forced down. A search is being made of the Behring Sea shore between Dutch Harbour and Unangashik.

### OTHER FLIGHTS.

LONDON, May 4.

It is reported from Lisbon that the Portuguese airmen flying to Macao, landed at the Indian frontier.

LISBON, May 5.

The Portuguese airmen have altered their itinerary and now intend to call at Goa.

PARIS, May 4.

M. D'Oisy has arrived at Agra. The 800 miles flight from Karachi was accomplished in less than seven hours. The weather was foggy and extremely hot, causing the fabric of the upper plane to begin to tear. M. D'Oisy passed over Purlu where Squadron Commander MacLaren is awaiting spares.

### "DOWN WITH THE JEWS!"

#### GERMAN ELECTION SLOGANS.

#### RELIGION BEFORE POLITICS.

BERLIN, May 5.

The first election results announced late this evening do not indicate how the general voting went. Eighty-five per cent of the electorate polled and in some districts there were huge crowds parading the streets. Thousands assembled at points where returns were thrown on screens.

COLOGNE, May 5.

The elections have been devoid of excitement. Voting followed religious rather than political lines. The only noticeable activity was displayed by the Social democrats and the People's Freedom Party, the latter's slogan being "Down with Jews!"

BERLIN, May 5.

Latest indications are that the Moderates are holding their own against the Reactionaries in the elections throughout the country, and the Reichstag will have a majority in favour of carrying out the expert's proposals.

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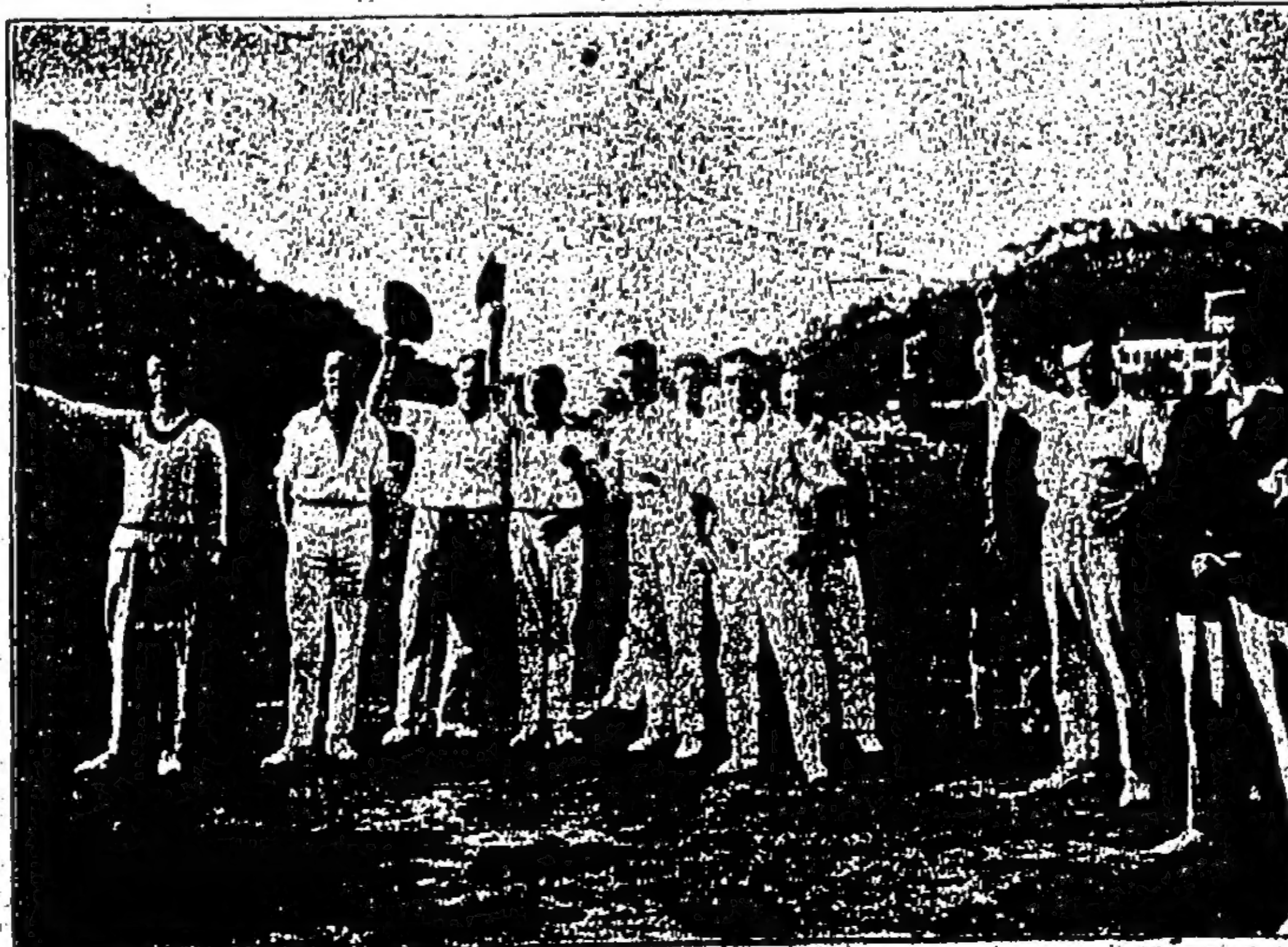


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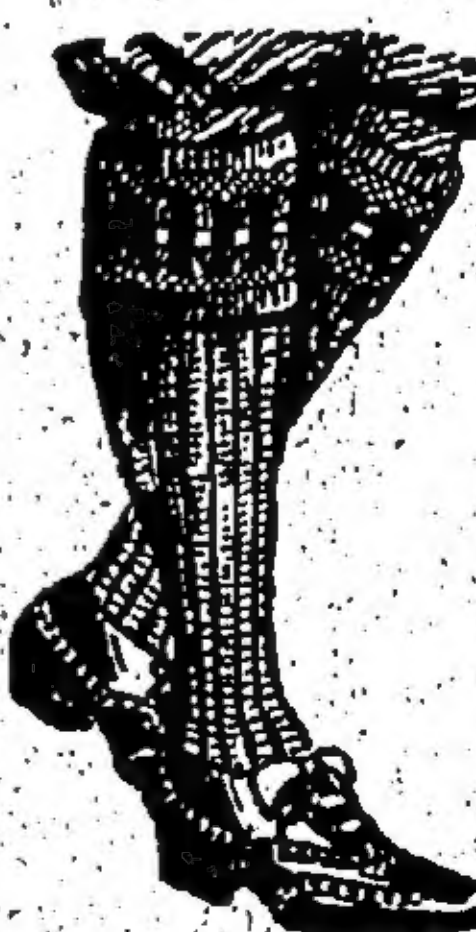
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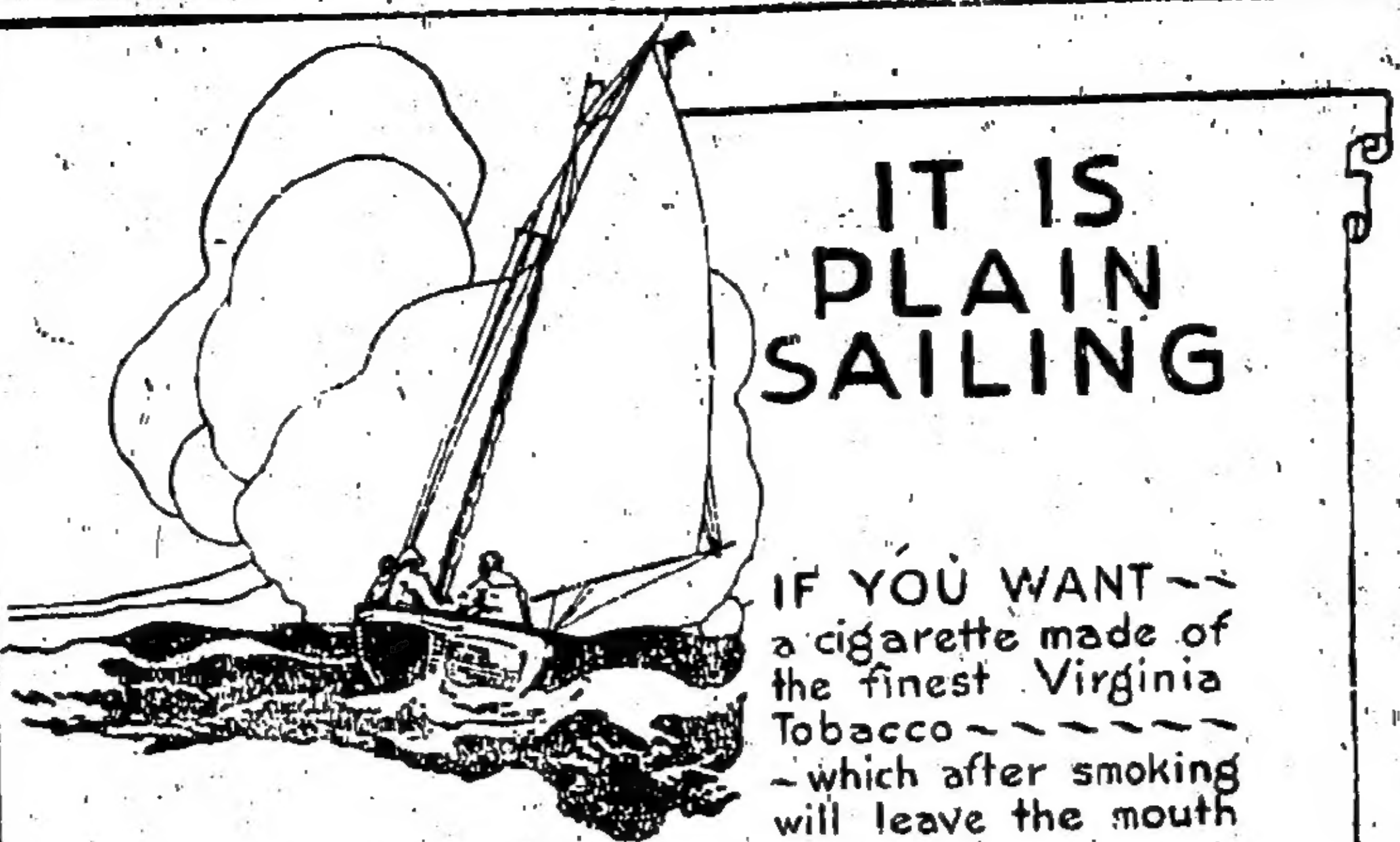
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Possibly there is nothing in the shape of real crime which makes it absolutely necessary that a policeman should walk down a street or that one should be stationed in a village, but people have become so used to the protection of the police that they have come to think that the police alone can set the law in motion; they will perhaps, be obliged to realise that the country cannot afford so deep a blue wash of police protection as has coloured town and country in the past, and must make up their minds to do a little more for themselves.

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## DEATH.

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(of Shanghai Dock & Engi-  
neering Co., Ltd.).

## The China Mail.

HONGKONG MONDAY, MAY 5, 1924

## HONGKONG'S HERETICS.

Atheist is still the only term  
that many people can find if they  
are asked to define a rationalist.  
Thinking people would not, of  
course, fall into this error. They  
would realise, with very little  
thought either, that the sincere  
rationalist, unable to acceptcertain beliefs outside the realm  
of human reasoning, cannot on the  
other hand deny positively what  
he is unable logically to disprove.  
Even if he inclines towards the  
dogmatic attitude implied by the  
word atheism, he can at the most  
only claim that the extreme view  
in this respect strikes him as  
being the most probable one.  
Therefore at the very outset we  
are faced by the fact that upon  
possibly the most disputed point  
of all the true rationalist never  
ventures beyond an opinion.  
These remarks are not intended  
as defence of rationalism—not  
even in the Chesterton manner—  
because the "China Mail" has no  
religion beyond the public good,  
to serve which it is ever ready toact as an open forum for all views  
that are really sincere without  
causing unnecessary offence to  
any and section of its readers.  
Therefore the few remarks here  
offered are made solely because  
the news that Hongkong is to have  
its own branch of the Rationalist  
Press Association may, possibly  
mislead some people and needlessly  
disturb others. We are not  
referring to the type whose mental  
outlook is "Here's a stranger,  
heave a brick at him!" nor are we  
referring to the class which really  
holds the worst Christian better  
than (say) the best Mohammedan  
or the best Buddhist. Both these  
types may excite our scorn or our  
pity but they are probably beyond  
our help, however ready we might  
be to extend it to them. Our only  
concern here is for those earnest  
people who may not unnaturally  
recoil from an association which  
they "have been led to regard as  
a hotbed of blasphemers, but  
which they would otherwise view  
without distaste or alarm if they  
fully understood its aims. Various  
definitions of these aims have been  
given, some by eminent men of  
letters and science, but the one  
that appeals to us most is the one  
that is expressed in the single  
word "Tolerance"—tolerance alike  
for religious beliefs and for  
political opinions. That this  
tolerance is the Association's  
highest ideal is amply proved by  
the wide shades between the  
opinions many members hold—  
shades often as far apart as those  
to be found in the Christian faith  
itself. Consequently it will be  
seen that rationalism after all is  
only another claim for personal  
liberty, freedom for each man to  
think as his reason or his con-  
science dictates and to express  
his views without inviting a  
persecution sometimes little less  
rabit and frequently vastly more  
destructive than that once employ-  
ed by the Spanish Inquisition.  
Devout adherents of the accepted  
faiths, holding their views with  
full sincerity, are not here being  
urged to accept, much less to join,  
the Rationalist Press Association—  
that is a liberty which the  
"China Mail" as a strictly non-  
secular paper would never dream  
of taking concerning any spiritual  
matter at all. Simply our desire  
is to point out that Hongkong's  
intellectual life would always be  
incomplete without a branch here  
of an Association which numbers  
among its members in the Home-  
land some of the most brilliant  
authors, historians and scientists  
of the day; and that now a local  
branch is being formed the  
Colony must at the very least  
display that tolerance which it has  
hitherto always shown towards  
every really earnest and orderly  
body formed within its confines.  
In this instance if only because the  
newcomer, however distasteful  
some of its supposed aims may be  
to many people here, is ardent for  
freedom of speech and thought. If  
it appear that we have unduly  
exalted the aims of the Rationalist  
Press Association we would hasten  
to disavow the slightest wish to  
influence the reader in any way  
and to explain that our motive is  
solely that which must inspire  
thoughtful people of every faith  
and creed who treasure their  
spiritual liberty, namely an  
anxiety lest any hasty judgment  
or actively hostile attitude might  
undermine that precious tolerance  
which everyone reading the story  
of our nation must admit has  
indeed made it possible at all.

## Hot Air.

Regarding the local May Day  
demonstrations, the "China Mail"  
is prepared to say with the  
greatest emphasis that the local  
labour unions are not truly repre-  
sentative of the artisan popula-  
tion. In spite of the fact that  
there is a guild for nearly every  
trade and that the greater  
majority of each denomination  
belongs to some union if not to two  
or three, we still persist in our  
declaration. How many members,  
we ask, of each guild, have a real  
voice in the management of their  
organisation's affairs? Is a strike  
ever decided by putting the "Yes"  
and "No" motions to the vote and  
abiding by the majority? No!We are inclined to think that  
nearly all the guilds are ruled by  
a few opportunists who blossomed  
forth as "labour politicians" a few  
years back and have remained in  
power ever since. The Chinese  
workman is still too strongly the  
individual to care much for his  
fellow-workers and all the interest  
he usually shows is to pay the  
monthly subscription and keep a  
look-out on the "white gold,"  
which is the payment to relatives  
of members who die. Such items  
as union rates and strike pay are  
yet unknown quantities in Hong-  
kong labour circles. Take for  
instance the memorable seamen's  
strike when the bona fide seaman  
did not know what he was striking  
for but merely left his ship  
because of intimidation and propa-  
ganda. When terms were first  
asked for, even the men running  
the striking did not know what to  
stipulate. And it is for these  
reasons that we suggest little  
importance should be paid to the  
tirades of the so-called labour  
representatives who tried to rouse  
interest in the parent union on  
May Day.

## Waste Not Want Not.

Locking the stable-door after  
the horse has gone is an old, old  
habit and a few words of advice  
to the Chinese community regard-  
ing the Colony's water-supply may  
not be out of place, as restrictions  
will soon be in force. It is not too  
late to conserve the supply or, in  
other words, to avoid all waste.  
Some may argue that as there will  
not be a constant supply, what is  
the use of saving? To this we  
would reply by pointing out that  
unless we get rain soon we may  
be faced with the prospect of  
having to draw water from street-  
fountains which will surely bring  
in its train, the long queues of  
women and children and the per-  
secutions by bullies. Again if we  
make up our minds to use less we  
shall be helping to get towards  
that stage when the supply is  
deemed sufficient to permit a con-  
stant supply again. To the  
Government we would respectfully  
give a reminder that all the haste  
that can be given to the various  
schemes for extending our water  
resources will be well worth the  
money.The Aonach  
Tailteann, the  
ancient Irish  
games which are  
to be revived in Dublin this  
summer, have been in abeyance  
for some centuries. They were  
named after Queen Tailte, the  
beautiful foster-mother of Lugh-  
of-the-Long-Arm, an ancient Irish  
king, who also founded the sports  
in honour of her memory. Tara,  
in County Meath, where the Queen  
was buried, was the scene of these  
games, which were held practically  
without interruption from shortly  
after her death until Roderick  
O'Connor, Ireland's last king,  
ascended the Irish Throne. The  
period of the games was one of  
truce between all clans by order  
of the ruler.In the "good old  
days" the festival  
used to be one of  
great splendour.  
Chief-tains in aw-  
inspiring  
cavalades appeared  
from all parts of the island, and  
they brought with them the pick  
of their athletes, who were inspired  
to do their best by harpists, oaters,  
and singers, who took part in the  
ceremonies. This year the form  
of the ancient Tailteann games is  
to be followed as closely as possi-  
ble, while the theatres in the Free  
State capital will devote the week  
to Irish art, drama, and music.  
Many countries, including Eng-  
land, Scotland, Wales, and the  
British Colonies, are sending over  
athletes to compete in the various  
sporting events.Bishop Thirdwall,  
A BISHOP'S of St. David's, the  
great novel reading  
NOVEL. prelate, who, it was  
rumoured, even  
condescended to read his house-  
keeper's "Family Herald," had,  
among other claims to distinction,  
one personal characteristic; he was  
bound to finish a book if he once  
began it. Only once did he break  
this rule; he stuck hopelessly in  
the middle of "The Wide Wide  
World," and owned himself  
beaten. Mr. Birrell professes  
himself unable to understand why  
this particular book was too much  
for the bishop, so he evidently has  
been able to read it himself. It is  
a curious fact that the three story  
books which used to be most read  
by the schoolgirls of the Victorian  
era, "The Wide Wide World,"  
"Little Women," and "What Katy  
Did," were all written by Ameri-  
cans.A student of  
ANT. physiognomy  
points out that  
ANTAGONISM. ant-eaters as a  
class, do not run to good looks.  
The palm for ugliness, he thinks,  
must go to the newly-arrived ard-  
varks (earth pigs), but the South  
American ant-eater is a good  
second.It is easy to see why these  
gourmets have such unpleasant  
features. No self-respecting mam-  
mal can have any decent feeling  
for the ant who has no hobbies and  
no vices but just works until he  
drops. Therefore, any ant-eater  
antagonist when swallowing a  
million or two of these work-  
ing lunatics with their young must  
necessarily sneer a little over the  
job. And sneers tend to lengthen  
the nose.The trying ex-  
perience of a  
Colonial Office  
porter was recently related by Mr.  
J. H. Thomas. Up to the time of  
going to press we have been un-  
able to verify the detailed story  
which comes to us of a woman's  
visit to the Home Office.  
She was apparently a Frenchwo-  
man who spoke Russian, or vice  
versa, and she produced her pass-  
port over and over again in the  
course of her conversation with  
several porters and messengers.  
They then found a man who in  
1919 had been transferred from  
the French to the North Russian  
front. After a long conversation,  
intelligence came to this man.  
Stopping the lady's conversation  
with one hand he beckoned to his  
conferees with the other.  
"Lady wants a house or a small  
flat," he said.A LIM. There was an old  
person of Trunch  
Who invited his  
Nieces to Lunch  
But not one of them spoke  
Tho' he told them a Joke  
Which had often been Printed in  
Punch.THIS CYNICAL "I believe in  
witches, ghosts  
and fayewys,"  
AGE. chanted baby  
Joan.  
"I believe in ghosts," affirmed  
her five-year-old brother, "but I  
don't believe in Father Christmas."  
"Oh, Peter," exclaimed his  
mother, "you did believe in him  
at Christmas time."  
"No, I didn't," said the polite  
but blasé youth. "I only pretend-  
ed, just to oblige you."

## To-day's Poem.

(The Lilac)  
Who thought of the lilac?  
'I' dew said.  
'I made up the lilac  
out of my head.'  
'She made up the lilac!  
Pooh!' thrilled a linnet,  
and each dew-note had a  
lilac in it.  
—H. Wolfe.

## WEATHER CALENDAR.

MAY 5.

1669. Anon with my wife by coach  
to take the ayre, it being a  
noble day, as far as the  
Green Man, mightily pleased  
with our journey.—Pepys.

## GET RID.

Get rid of your regrets. You  
are what you are on account of  
what you have experienced. And  
rightly understood, and accepted,  
all experiences are good, and the  
bitter ones best of all. I feel sorry  
for the souls who have not  
suffered.  
—Elbert Hubbard.

## SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised  
in The Mail.

## ENTERTAINMENTS.

May 5.—Coronet Theatre; Lon-  
Chancy in "The Hunchback of  
Notre Dame."May 5.—Star Theatre, Kowloon;  
Charles Ray in "Nineteen" and  
Phyllis; Also Baby Peggy Comedy.  
May 5.—World Theatre;  
Jack Hoxie in "Men in the Raw."  
May 5.—Queen's Theatre; "The  
Hero."May 5-7.—Theatre Royal, Wil-  
liam Hoagban, renowned Scottish  
Basso-Baritone in an amazing re-  
pertoire of songs.  
May 5.—At Helena May Institute,  
moving pictures of Hongkong taken  
for Empire Exhibition, 9.15 p.m.SOCIAL.  
May 7.—All Scottish night.  
May 17.—Dance at Peak Club,  
9.15 p.m.  
May 31.—Dance at Peak Club,  
9.15 p.m.SPORTS.  
May 24.—Third extra Race Meet-  
ing of the Hongkong Jockey Club.PUBLIC AUCTIONS.  
May 6.—Lammert Bros. at Go-  
down No. 7 (Upper) H.K. & Kow-  
loon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.,  
Kowloon, 706 sacks flour, 11 a.m.  
May 14.—Lammert Bros., at Sales  
Rooms, leasehold property,  
Victoria Road, near Villa Miramere,  
3 p.m.June 11.—Lammert Bros. at  
the premises of the H.K. Tramway  
Co., Ltd., Bowington Canal Rd.,  
East, steam driven electric gener-  
ating plant, 8 p.m.

## COMPANY MEETINGS.

May 6.—Forty-third meeting of  
the I.C.S.N. Co., Ltd., at Messrs.  
Jardine Matheson's Offices, 11 a.m.  
May 9.—Statutory meeting of the  
Simplex Plaster Co., Ltd., at Com-  
pany's Office, 2nd floor China Bldg.,  
3 p.m.  
May 16.—Fifty-first annual meet-  
ing of Union Insurance Society of  
Canton Ltd., at Head Office, Union  
Building, noon.  
May 16.—Fifty-eighth ordinary  
meeting of British Traders' Insur-  
ance Company, at Head Office,  
Union Building, 12.15 p.m.  
May 18.—Fifty-fifth annual meet-  
ing of the China Fire Insurance Co.,  
Ltd., at Head Office, Union Build-  
ing, 12.20 p.m.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The wreck of the steam  
launch "Chi Tung" has been re-  
moved from the right bank of the  
West River opposite the village of  
San Hui.For carrying seven passengers  
in excess of the number allowed  
by licence, the mistress of a  
sampan was fined \$3 or seven days'  
imprisonment at the Marine Court  
this morning.Albert Elsner pleaded guilty  
of a charge of being a destitute  
before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the  
Central Police Court this morning  
and was committed to the House  
of Detention.This morning, the two Chinese  
bus-drivers who were involved in  
the fatal bus accident in the New  
Territories some days ago, again  
came before Mr. R. E. Lindsell  
who fixed hearing of their case for  
Wednesday.The Harbour Master has  
received medals for the following  
who may receive them (upon  
application):—Ernest A. Shattock,  
Amos Anetts, Natalio Ferralra,  
Lionel D. Douglas and James  
Fringie.Moving Pictures of Hongkong,  
taken for the British Empire Exhi-  
bition, will be exhibited at the  
Helena May Institute on Monday,  
May 5, at 9.15 p.m.; Tuesday, May  
6, at 5.30 p.m.; Wednesday, May 7,  
at 9.15 p.m.; Thursday, May 8  
and Friday, May 9, at 5.30 p.m.  
Adults, \$1.00; children 50 cents.  
Pay at the door.—Advt.One team in the first division  
and two in the second will be  
entered by the Kowloon Cricket  
Club for this year's bowls league.  
On Saturday, the club opened its  
bowling season with matches on  
three links, the winners being  
presented with souvenir forks. A  
fairly successful season is assured  
especially as the new green is in  
good trim.The Government of the  
Philippine Islands, Department of  
Commerce and Communications  
reports that the 2nd. class black  
can buoy number 1, on the extreme  
southern edge of the reef, making  
out from Pagbilao Bay, which was  
reported missing, has been  
permanently removed. The same  
Department announces that the  
beacon on the reefs off Bilan Bilan  
point, Surigao, northern coast of  
Mindanao, has been discontinued.For the benefit of navigators  
approaching Rangoon a Harbour  
Office notification states that the  
"China Bakir" light vessel which  
has hitherto shown a fixed white  
light will be replaced by a light  
vessel showing a white flashing  
light every 10 seconds first flash  
(flash 2 seconds, eclipse 8 seconds).  
The day marks will be the same  
as those of the present light  
vessel. Further notice will be  
issued when the alteration has  
been carried out.Reports have been made to  
the effect that the Shanghai  
Seamen's Union is running short  
of funds and Chan Ping-sun who  
achieved notoriety during and  
after the Hongkong strike as  
president of the Hongkong Union  
is alleged to have been mainly  
responsible. When, deported  
from Hongkong after having been  
pardoned by Dr. Sun for wife  
murder, Chan went to Shanghai  
where he was instrumental in  
founding the Shanghai organisa-  
tion. There he was again deported  
on a Mixed Court order and he is  
said to have misappropriated  
funds when he left. The Shanghai  
Union convened a mass meeting  
when a new chairman was elected  
and a drive made for funds.The famous image of Con-  
fucius owned by the Japanese  
Emperor has been awarded to  
the Confucius Hall at Yushima,  
Hongo, through the Imperial  
Household Department. The Hall  
was burned down during the  
September fire and the image of  
Confucius and collection of books  
on Chinese classics and literature  
kept there was destroyed. The  
Shibunkai, which maintains the  
Hall, of which Prince Tokugawa  
is president, petitioned the Throne  
for the image kept in the Imperial  
palace. The Emperor granted the  
request. The image is said to be  
2,000 years old and was given by  
the Ming Dynasty of China to  
Lord Mitsukuni Tokugawa of  
Mito.

## CABLES TO CANTON.

SERVICE HELD UP AGAIN.

TROOPS OCCUPY STATION.

Only first week welcome news  
came that the land cables to Canton  
had been repaired and the lines were  
free from the depredations of con-  
flicting troops. The Hongkong  
office of the Chinese Telegraphs Ad-  
ministration officially announced that  
telegrams were being accepted for  
Canton and Shanghai, but now it  
seems this boon to business men has  
been short-lived.Subordinates of Chan Kwong-ming,  
(the anti-Sun leader) under Jin Yin-  
hung, as reported, made a sortie on  
the pro-Sun troops across the border  
and succeeded in re-taking Shun-  
ghun through which the land lines  
pass. There was no interruption up  
to about a day after the fighting but  
after that no telegrams have got  
through. It is therefore presumed  
that no wanton damage has been done  
and that the lines have not been  
severed but that the anti-Sun troops  
have merely commandeered the sta-  
tion for their own use and have  
blocked other traffic. This means  
that cables to Canton will have to be  
despatched via Macao by courtesy  
of the Eastern Extension Co.It was also announced last week  
that the Chinese section of the rail-  
way was connecting up with the  
British section again but the occupa-  
tion of a part of the line will pre-  
vent trains getting through  
from Canton to the border.

## ARMS HAUL.

PANTRY BOY COMMITTED  
FOR TRIAL.

"PAUL LECAT" SEIZURE.

Ko Shina, a pantry boy on the  
s.s. "Paul Lecat" re-appeared  
before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the  
Kowloon Magistracy this morning  
and pleaded guilty to a charge of  
being in unlawful possession of 18  
Mauzer pistols and 8,800 rounds of  
ammunition.Mr. C. H. Lyson, appearing for  
the accused said that as he had  
learned that his client had made a  
statement to the Police admitting  
his guilt he had no other alterna-  
tive but to plead guilty.According to the evidence, the  
pantry boy had told the police  
that a friend in Marseilles had  
given him the arms and ammu-  
nition to hand them over to one  
Lee Shee in Hongkong.The accused denied all know-  
ledge of the arms and ammunition  
when asked if he wanted to  
make a statement this morning.  
He said he had not seen them  
before and had never heard of the  
man Lee Shee. He was working in  
the pantry when the second officer  
of the ship came in and a few  
minutes later he was arrested.  
Mr. Hamilton said in the  
circumstances, he would not wait  
for the return of the s.s. "Paul  
Lecat" and as accused had admitted  
his guilt he would commit him  
for trial.Four firemen, also of the "Paul  
Lecat" will be tried this afternoon  
at the Kowloon Magistracy on a  
charge of being in unlawful  
possession of 39 Mauzer pistols  
and 89,880 rounds of ammunition.

## THE "MADISON" FIRE.

PRESIDENT ROAT A  
DAY LATE.The local office of the Dollar  
Line Steamship Co. have received  
no further news regarding the fire  
which broke out on the s.s. "Presi-  
dent Madison" except that the fire  
started at Kobe in No. 5 hold  
from unknown causes and destroyed  
a quantity of mail, the extent  
of which has not been cabled.Cables from newspaper corres-  
pondents in Shanghai stated that  
first class and second class mail  
for Hongkong and Manila has  
been destroyed.As a result of the fire, which  
apart from the burning of the mails  
did not prove serious, the s.s.  
"President Madison" will not  
arrive in Hongkong until to-  
morrow, a day behind schedule,  
but she will leave on schedule  
to-morrow evening.

## FORBIDDEN FISHING.

For fishing in prohibited waters  
and using lights for that purpose  
which were improperly shaded,  
six masters of fishing boats were  
fined \$5 each at the Marine Court  
this morning.The offence took place at  
Cheung Chau on Saturday evening,  
evidence being given by P. S.  
Andrew.The Harbourmaster explained to  
defendants that they must acquaint  
themselves with the prohibited  
areas, and with the regulations  
regarding the shading of lamps.A Daily Bulletin cable from  
Manila announces the death of  
Mr. Dean C. Worcester, former  
Secretary for the Interior in the  
Philippines. Death was due to heart  
disease.



## ANOTHER PIRACY.

PORTUGUESE MOTOR SHIP LOOTED.

CAPTAIN REPORTED KILLED.

PASSENGERS CARRIED OFF FOR RANSOM.

Yet another piracy has been committed in South China waters, this time with fatal results. Reports have reached Hongkong through the medium of men interested in river shipping, who claim to have received authentic intelligence from up-river, that the passenger motor-boat "Oporto" (Portuguese flag) was pirated during the week-end. Conflicting estimates are given as to the number of people shot. One report says that the Portuguese skipper was either killed or wounded, one Indian watchman killed and three others wounded. Another quarter gives the casualties as nine killed, including the captain, four guards and four passengers. Their bodies were all thrown overboard. Many others were wounded.

The "Oporto" is of rather unwieldy pattern and is engaged on the Canton-Kongmoon run. She looks as if she had been converted from a junk and has the appearance of an oblong box. Her route lies along the inland creeks through the Shuntak silk-district to the Kamchuk creek (impassable to ordinary river steamers) and then down the West River to Kongmoon.

It is thought that she was attacked when in Hamilton Creek which is close to the well-known Blenheim Passage not far from Canton. However, Junction Bend is also stated to have been the locality.

Details are lacking as to how the pirates got on board, beyond a rumour that she was all but rammed by two river-craft which made fast to her while the gang swarmed up her decks. That resistance was offered there seems little doubt as what news has trickled through hints at firing of fairly long duration.

After getting the upper hand the pirates are said to have thrown the dead bodies over and to have taken most of the passengers away for ransom purposes.

Little cargo or bullion is carried on the "Oporto" and the armoury

only consists of a few Winchester rifles with, possibly, a number of revolvers. The surmise therefore is that the prize aimed at was the prospect of ransom as the "Oporto" competes favourably with the tow-boat trade for passengers.

The No. 1 Indian guard who is said to have been wounded is a pensioner with 18 years' service in the Punjab regiment.

These so-called guards are not under the control of the Hongkong Police but are engaged by the ship and act in the capacity of armed watchmen. As the "Oporto" does not call at Hongkong she is not subject to the Piracy Regulations.

## GUARDS AND SOLDIERS.

In connection with the report in the *China Mail* on Friday that British soldiers had taken the places of the Indian (police) machine-gunners on mother-ships of Hongkong-Canton convoys, it is interesting to note that no change has been made on the Kongmoon run. On the "Tai Lee" and "On Lee," the first ship each way, there are eight Indian police under two European sergeants.

history—a moral and material Deluge—we come again to this, that our civilization will be drowned out unless it set itself anew to work—to work in a right spirit and to a right end. Not to work, as we have hitherto done, at our amusements, luxuries, and vices. But to abolish idleness, eliminate all forms of idleness, make it felt that idleness is a social crime, that an idle class is a crowd of wasters—a class of undesirables.

We should face this New Age with courage, we can face it by showing more example of self-denial, of self-restraint, of discipline and public spirit for the amelioration of humanity at large.

No doubt, we have travelled a long journey from the 18th Century. French and English Rationalism to the present. We have gone a long way from shaking off the fetters of ecclesiastical control and unreasoning tradition. We have gone a long way in the transfer of interest from the eternal and universal to what is changing and specific concrete, that is from supernaturalism to naturalism. We have gone a long way from trusting external authorities to the firm belief in the power of individual minds, guided by methods of observation, experiment and reflection, to get at the truths needed for the guidance of life. Again, we have travelled a long arduous path from allowing the dead past to dominate our imagination to the Golden Future. The Idea of Progress is now deeply imbedded in us all.

Then, again, we have left much behind in the Road of Life, all the fear and superstition, that used to cramp our mind and spirit. Knowledge is power and we acquire it by going direct to Nature to learn of her ways and her processes of change. In a word, our task, as earnest seekers after the higher truth of life and the way of the world, is to clarify our minds of the ideas as to the social and moral strifes of our own day.

Notwithstanding all our achievements and exploits for the past two centuries, we still have got a long way to go to reach the final goal of Humanity.

Time was, we looked to the aristocrats to be the leaders of the world affairs, but they had so abused their privileges, trust and prerogatives, that the Princes of Commerce and Captains of Industry had come to wrest the power from their hands; but the latter in turn had not lived up to the expectation of Humanity. That is why we see to-day the Labour of the world have taken over the Sceptre of Humanity. Thus you see, we have gone from Kingscraft, priestcraft, merchantcraft to mobcraft. How it all will end, it is still too premature to tell. Let us hope, however, that we are going from chaos to cosmos. In the meantime, let us be true to the spirit of Rationalism, which is also the spirit of Christianity, pure and undefiled, and that is to look for the progress of Humanity in co-operation, ethical justice, tolerance and absolute freedom. Above all be tolerant and charitable, with malice towards none and goodwill towards all. When Lessing wished to plead the cause of tolerance on behalf of the persecuted and despised Jews of his day, he could devise no better way than to tell the story of the Three Rings, "only one of which was made of pure gold, but unknown to all people excepting the Goldsmith, who unfortunately was not about so he could be consulted."

Dr. W. W. Pearse, proposing the toast of the R.P.A., said that although he had only recently joined the Association, he had been a Rationalist for forty years. His father before him had been a keen Rationalist, being one of the earliest followers of Darwin and the other great thinkers of that time. Dr. Pearse said he could remember Dr. Temple when Bishop of Exeter speaking to his father. There was a man of extremely Liberal and therefore Rationalistic views. After remarking how extremely courageous a man must have been to champion the truth in those days of religious and political tyranny, Dr. Pearse said that although much water had flowed under the bridge since then, there was still a great deal of hostility to Rationalism. Dr. Pearse related a personal anecdote concerning an incident in his career before he left his native town showing how men could let prejudice blind their judgment and precipitate them into error and injustice.

"Rationalism," said Dr. Pearse, "is free thought. There are not wanting signs to-day that it has penetrated the sacred portals of the church, itself, witness the utterances of Dean Inge and Canon Barnes. Although their views were not avowed openly as Rationalism, reading history correctly we can also see that some of the Popes and cardinals of

## WORLD AIRMEN.

HONGKONG LANDING PROSPECTS.

POSSIBLE TYPHOON DANGERS.

OBSERVATORY DIRECTOR INTERVIEWED.

According to Mr. T. F. Claxton, Director of the Royal Observatory, Gap Rock vicinity would be a far better landing place for the world airmen than Stonecutters from an atmospheric point of view.

Mr. Claxton informed a *China Mail* representative this morning on enquiry as to probable weather conditions during the first week in June, that anywhere in the neighbourhood of Hongkong provided a difficulty for airmen who wished to land. "And particularly so in summer," added Mr. Claxton "when the winds are very gusty. Summer is the worst time of the year for airmen."

Quoting statistics compiled on forty years' observations, the Observatory Director stated that the normal temperature during the first week in June was 80 degrees and humidity 84. The normal wind direction South East, and normal velocity 12 miles an hour. The normal amount of sunshine, went on Mr. Claxton, was four hours a day and rainfall half an inch daily.

Mr. Claxton pointed out that the airmen might find a fine spell in the first week of June and on the other hand they might get typhoon or fairly wet weather.

"Of course," the weather at that time is very variable," said Mr. Claxton. "Typhoons have been known in the first week in June though the maximum frequency of typhoons occurs about the middle of August."

The temperature rose a little until the middle of June was reached, continued the Director. Then normal temperature did not vary until the middle of September. The temperature was generally broken by typhoons during that period.

Mr. Claxton said it was impossible to give any forecast regarding the wind direction in the higher altitudes. It depended so much upon conditions at the time, typhonic or cyclonic weather etc.

Asked if he thought Hongkong a particularly dangerous area for airmen, Mr. Claxton said that all country with hills was difficult and dangerous of negotiation for the landing of aeroplanes.

As regards the broadcasting of meteorological conditions to the visiting airmen, Mr. Claxton said he was quite willing to do so if asked. He thought it would be hardly necessary as the conditions were broadcast twice daily.

Rome were really Rationalists. There is no doubt that after the Reformation some of the ecclesiastics were Rationalists to some extent, and there is no saying to what extent liberalism might have progressed in the Church of Rome if it had not been for the reaction that set in after the Reformation. Lutherism and Calvinism ushered in a new dark age, from which we are only now emerging. Just as men were influenced before the reaction by reading, Plato and Aristotle so were men recently influenced by the work of Darwin and Huxley. Having become dissatisfied with accepted beliefs, men now feel a desire to face the Truth. Rationalism is like the heaven which leaves the whole lump. That process is still going on and we hope it will continue." (Applause.)

Referring to the fact that the R.P.A. members now include many "first class men," Dr. Pearse said that during the last few years there were men belonging to the R.P.A. whom everyone respected. The late John Morley was a notable example. (Applause.) Dr. Pearse continued that he could remember Charles Bradlaugh coming to his native town to deliver a lecture and described how the great Rationalist defeated hostile police action by speaking from a boat moored just outside the municipal bounds. "Drawing to a close," said Dr. Pearse, "I should like specially to emphasize one point. Rationalism is really a system of truth. It makes for truth and truth is mighty and will prevail." (Applause.)

Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, replying to the toast of the R.P.A., said that Dr. Pearse had just told them about the advance of Rationalism and the great men who had fought the battle of reason. "To that," said Mr. Forrest, "I would add a few remarks about what I consider the chief difficulties at present. The phrase 'a conspiracy of silence' is a tempting one. Opponents of Rationalism have seemingly acted upon their experience in dealing with Bradlaugh. They no longer give us the glorious advertisements they gave Bradlaugh. They now treat the movement as a certain ecclesiastic is said to have treated the facts of science—looked them full in the face and then completely ignored them." (Laughter.)

Mr. Forrest explained how he came to undertake R.P.A. work in Hongkong, incidentally (he added) making himself objectionable to certain people. "When I first came here I was impressed by the necessity of not allowing judgment to go by default. I felt we must not permit the opponents of Rationalism to have matters all their own way. Accordingly it was necessary to band together the members of the R.P.A. and to get yet more members. When I came to the Colony there were three names given in the Association's annual report as being the Hongkong contingent. In the present year we have 35 members. (Applause.) Were I talking to a less highly cultured and select audience—(laughter)—I might make a point of this and prove by mathematics that in a short space of time the entire population of the Colony will be members of the Association. (Laughter and applause.) However, while we cannot hope to keep up the percentage of increase indefinitely we have by no means yet

## HONGKONG AVIATION.

YESTERDAY'S ACCIDENT DESCRIBED.

## PILOT'S OWN STORY.

Many hundreds who flocked to Happy Valley yesterday afternoon to see the promised flying were disappointed owing to an accident which put the machine temporarily out of action. The pilot has explained to the *China Mail* that the accident occurred during what was purely a test flight before leaving Kowloon in the morning. The machine had not even taken the air since being renovated. The accident was not due to any fault in the reconstruction but simply to bad luck. The pilot was taking off at the usual high speed, with Mr. R. Eamslaw as a passenger, when one of the wheels hit a protuberance causing the shock absorber rubber to break. This made the corresponding wing drop and that had the effect of turning the machine, in spite of the motor being cut off and the opposite controls being used to correct the turn. Consequently the machine carried on its course and collided with the sea wall, breaking the propeller and the under carriage. For one perilous moment it was feared the machine would turn a somersault into the sea, but fortunately it righted itself without causing any hurt either to the pilot or his passenger. Discounting the gravity of the accident the pilot added, "This sort of thing is nothing out of the ordinary; it happens dozens of times daily in the 'big training centres.' The flight will be carried out next Sunday, and in this connection it is interesting to learn that Mr. Abbott, who is organizing and carrying out the stunts, has been presented with a new propeller for the machine by Mr. D. da Silva, of Sun Life Insurance Co., Ltd.

Mr. H. P. White, Lady Levison and the Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephens are passengers on the outgoing "President Grant."

exhausted the number of people in the district who might be glad to become members if they were simply asked to join or if they even knew about the existence of the Association." (Hear, hear)

Passing to the question of making the dinner an annual event, Mr. Forrest said that the R.P.A. was primarily a propaganda association and it was the duty of every member, not only to do all he could to increase the membership, but also to strive to make the word Rationalism at least as well known as the names of the many other creeds. He thought there would be some advantage in holding the dinner about the beginning of the year as that was the time when the services of a committee could be enlisted for the ensuing twelve months and members could help materially by introducing possible new members whose membership could start from the beginning of the year. Mr. Forrest concluded by abjuring members to bring into the Association's ranks at least one new member apiece during the year. "The definition of our aims," he said, "is very wide, and I should like to emphasize the fact that the Association includes people of widely different views." (Applause.)

Mr. P. T. Lamble proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Forrest which was carried with acclamation.

## R. P. A.

FIRST HONGKONG ANNUAL DINNER.

RATIONALISM EXPLAINED.

Saturday Night's Interesting Function.

Hongkong's first annual Rationalist Press Association dinner was held in the Hongkong Hotel on Saturday night, when there were over thirty people present, including several visitors from Macao.

Mr. A. H. Crook presided, and after an excellent dinner had been served, proposed the toast of the King.

Speaking to the toast of "Our Guests," Mr. C. M. McDonald said that skimming through a book about Chinese painting the other day, he had come across the story of a Mr. Tzu-kao who said that he had a passion for dragons. He was always talking about them and he had them painted all over the walls of his house. "After all," he said, "there is nothing pleasanter to look at than a dragon." One day a huge, shiny, slimy paw fopped on to his window sill; soon a green and golden scaly head reared itself up at the window and grinned a dank greeting. Tzu-kao, the lover of dragons, was beside himself with terror. He fled shrieking into the hall where he tripped over the oozing slithering tail which the monster had thrust in friendly salutation through the doorway of the house. The story was told as a warning against insincere enthusiasms.

The speaker said that if he saw any dragons before the night was out, they would not be due to any insincere enthusiasm for making speeches. (Laughter.) That he made this one at all was largely because he had a feeling that since those present were all more or less outside the pale anyway, being there at all that night, his few halting remarks, coupled with the humid weather, would merely serve to give them a mild foretaste of what awaited them in the realm of a gentleman variously described as the Evil One, the Prince of Darkness, but mostly (with greater emphasis) as the Devil. (Laughter.)

These incidentals apart, however, dragons or no dragons, nobody speaking to the toast he had the honour to propose, could fail to express the keen pleasure it gave the Hongkong members of the R.P.A. to welcome their guests, among them several who had won their admiration by the courage with which they had held aloft the banner of Rationalism, both in this Colony and in that farthest of clericalism, Macao. (Applause.)

"People sometimes ask me," continued the Speaker, "when the horrible truth has leaked out that I am one of those dreadful Rationalists, how it is that believ-

ing in neither Heaven nor Hell (they always insist for some obscure reason in specially stressing the latter place)—how it is having nothing to hope for or fear in the next world I do not as a logical outcome, plunge into an utterly selfish orgy of pleasure, ignoring the happiness of others if only I get the most out of life myself. Ladies and gentlemen, the answer is simple. Pleasanter far, it is to enter into what H. G. Wells has called the spirit of common adventure and to enjoy life by sharing its joys with others. Such gatherings as these, despite all the wicked people present, best illustrate what I mean, and to the visitors who have graciously given us their help to-night we owe our warmest thanks. Ladies and gentlemen, I give you the toast—our guests!" (Applause.)

Replying on behalf of the guests, Mr. J. D. Bush said he rose to render thanks for the unique hospitality that had been bestowed upon them. They were all exceedingly glad of the opportunity to be there and were taking in everything, both from the festival board and from the lips of the philosophers, with much interest and delight.

"It is our fervent hope that this first gathering of the Association will lead to many long years of achievement and may it serve the high purpose in being the intellectual rallying-centre of the Colony. In time to come, we hope, this Association will grow into an institution like the French Academy, which touches life, Society and knowledge of the French people at every point. I believe I echo the thought and feeling of us all here when I say that our definite objective in organizing this Association is to be earnest seekers after the higher truth of life, its social and moral well-being, with open-mindedness and tolerance. Of course, the people of every New Era think their own age is most significant. But most thinkers of to-day do sound the warning that we are living in a New Age, and how are we going to face it? In this connection I am tempted to cite the viewpoint of an English historian:

"It is significant of much, says the Englishman, that in the 17th Century members of Parliament quoted from the Bible, in the 18th and 19th centuries from the classics, and in the 20th Century from nothing at all. As an eminent clergyman once contrasted the ancient church with the modern to the effect that then they tried to save their young men from being thrown to the lions; now we are glad if we can save them from going to the dogs. In an Era of Transition and Reconstruction like the present one, when everything precious and every little social heritage is being thrown into the crucible, we need more Rationalism to save us from going to the dogs. As Frederic Harrison puts it, 'After the greatest cataclysm in recorded

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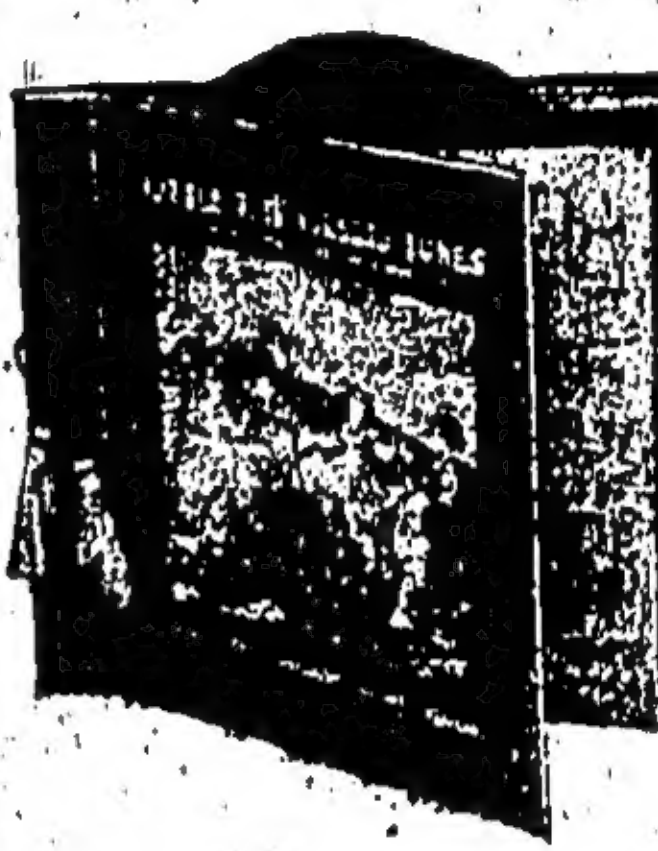
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## WILLIAM HEUGHAN.

## WHY MUSIC LOVERS SHOULD HEAR HIM.

As Mr. Heughan remarked in the course of a conversation with a "China Mail" representative prior to Saturday evening's entertainment, people are rather sceptical of singers and other artists who set out on world tours. It is not to be wondered at when one considers the lack of talent of some of these tourists but if it was through any such fear that there was no poor attendance at the City Hall on Saturday evening music-lovers in Hongkong have made a mistake and for their own benefit, and satisfaction should make a point of visiting the Town Hall during one of the few remaining evenings that Mr. Heughan is in Hongkong.

Mr. Heughan's tour has been undertaken with a view to showing the world what a number of Scottish songs there are which are worthy of being better known and demonstrating what a Scottish singer can do in the way of classical and operatic music.

Mr. Heughan has the support of the Burns Federation who recommended him to the St. Andrew's Societies of places at which he sings. He has been on tour for nearly a year and has visited Africa, India, Ceylon, Rangoon, Penang and the Malay States and arrived on Saturday on the "Kilwa" from Singapore. He informed our representative that he had received wonderful receptions at all the places he visited and that he had been requested to them all to pay return visits. "This will in all probability be possible," he added, "as I am going on to Shanghai, Tientsin, and Peking and shall return the same way."

## The Singing.

First of all let it be said that Mr. Heughan possesses a bass voice of beautiful richness and tone and secondly that he is a dramatic exponent of his art, his gestures, enunciation, and tone expression helping considerably in the general effect.

It would be difficult to conceive of a better rendering of the many Scottish songs sung by Mr. Heughan. To the Scotchmen present they must have brought back memories and aroused many longings. Even a "mere" Englishman must confess to a stirring of the blood and an impulse to be up and doing during the rendering of some of the martial strains. Mr. Heughan's Scottish songs included the rollicking "Wi' a hundred pipers" and "In Celler Cool," the humorous "Corn Rigs" and the "Barrin' o' the door" and the martial "March of the Cameron men."

Mr. Heughan's repertoire includes all the great operatic and many of the classical bass roles. On Saturday evening he gave Moussorgsky's "Song of the Flea" with excellent effect, the satirical laughter being exceedingly well done. "The Song of the Volga Boatmen," "The Trumpeter" and "The Floral Dance" were other numbers greatly appreciated by the audience. "Auld Lang Syne" (sung as it should be) was Mr. Heughan's last item of a programme which was full of good things.

Miss Gladys Sayers contributed greatly to the success of the evening by her accomplished piano-forte playing and Mr. Dave Kennedy introduced a lighter element in his numbers.

## CHINA'S PIRATES.

## LATEST DAMNING INDICTMENT.

If further evidence were needed as to the seriousness of the piracy question along the coast and rivers of China generally, and in South China waters particularly, it is to be found in a report which has just reached us from Hongkong says the N. C. Daily News. It will be remembered that on the occasion of the first (and very successful) piracy on the str. "Tailee", more than a score of the unfortunate Chinese passengers were taken prisoner and held to ransom. The pirates have repeatedly made demands for large sums to secure the release of the prisoners, but so far, we believe, the freedom has been secured of one man only. When the "Tailee" was approaching Hongkong on April 21 attention was attracted to a banner prominently displayed on the bank of the river. At the foot of the banner was a dead body, while the banner itself bore, in Chinese characters, a message to the effect that the body was that of Chan Hin-king, and that he was the first to be chosen from among the captives themselves, by lot, to be shot as the ransom had not been paid, and that the other passengers from the "Tailee" were daily drawing lots and being shot in turn until the ransom was forthcoming. The banner was secured later by the Hongkong police, who handed it over to the commander of H.M.S. "Moth". That such things are possible is striking testimony to the super-chauvinistic state into which China has fallen, and that pirates can commit offences and make demands in a manner that would do justice to the most imaginative novelist, in the very district which the governing body at Canton should be able to govern. If none other, it is damning indictment of the so-called authorities concerned. It is to be hoped that the new preventive measures, which have been started by the Hongkong Government will have some effect in mitigating the evil; from China's own rulers there is plainly no hope.

## RUSSIA AND GERMANY.

## POLICE RAID SOVIET HEADQUARTERS.

Berlin, May 4.—The Soviet Ambassador has closed his offices here and left for Moscow following the action of the German police, who raided the headquarters of the Russian Commercial Delegation, arresting eight employees. The police have been searching for a man employed at the Delegation who previously escaped at Wurttemberg.

A strong force of police searched the building from roof to cellar on the pretext that the Communist for whom they were searching was hidden there. The Russian embassy asserts that the search lasted for four hours. It says that the liberties of the leaders of the Delegation, who were members of the Diplomatic Corps, were interfered with. Ambassador Krestinski immediately called at the foreign office and energetically protested. Herr Stresemann assured him that the action of the police would immediately be stopped. The embassy regards the action as an unparalleled violation of extraterritoriality. Before leaving for Moscow M. Krestinski ordered the closing of the commercial delegations and the breaking off of commercial relations for the time being. Reuter.

Berlin, May 4.—The German version of the affair alleges German Communism. The prisoner induced a police escort to allow him to visit the Russian office, where he escaped with the connivance of the Russian employees.

The German Government has protested to the Russian embassy against the conduct of the Russians, asserting that the police escort was held up some time, contending that the offices of the Commercial Delegation do not enjoy diplomatic immunity, and characterising the conduct of the Russians as a gross violation of German law.

A judicial enquiry has begun. Reuter.

## 38 PIRATES SHOT.

Thirty-eight pirates who were captured on the steam-launch "Kwong Tak" pined from Hongkong after being decoyed from Blake Pier to Castle Peak Bay by three men and two women, were shot last week in the Heilingshan district, which is opposite Macao.

It will be recalled that the "Kwong Tak" was sunk by the Customs cruiser "Pak Tau" when the gang were captured. At one time it was thought that they would be brought to Hongkong for trial but on Friday Detective Sub-Inspector R. Shannon, Detective Inspector Chu Heung and Interpreter Ng Ping-wu were witnesses of the carrying out of the sentences on behalf of the Hongkong Police.

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## LOCAL TENNIS.

## LEAGUE SEASON COMMENCES.

On Saturday afternoon, the Hongkong Tennis League was to have started with three matches in the first division and seven in the second but some of them had to be postponed. Results were:—

## FIRST DIVISION.

KOWLOON C. C. P. UNIVERSITY. Played on the Kowloon C. C. ground, the home team winning by 57 games to 42.

S. E. Green and E. Abraham lost to L. Forster and H. C. Hung, 5-6; beat P. A. Redmond and M. H. Rolley, 8-3; beat H. C. Hung and Hui Boon-jin, 8-1.

H. Krebs and N. Traubitzky beat Forster and Hung, 9-2; lost to Redmond and Rolley, 5-6; lost to Hung and Au, 5-0.

E. C. Fincher and D. S. Green lost to Forster and Hung, 5-6; beat Redmond and Rolley, 6-5; beat Hung and Au, 6-5.

HOSSAKURA, C. C. P. CHINESE R. C. The Chinese R. C. playing away defeated the Hongkong C. C. by 56 games to 43.

## 2ND DIVISION.

INDIAN R. C. "A" P. KOWLOON C. C.

Playing at home, the Indian Recreation Club (A) beat the Kowloon Cricket Club (B), by 73 games to 20.

S. W. Ismail and S. A. R. Ismail beat W. Woodward and D. D. Dryden, 9-2; beat L. A. R. Duncan and A. W. Brown, 7-1; lost to De Quivrecourt and S. H. Hewer, 4-7.

S. A. Hussain and Y. A. Wuhab, beat Woodward and Dryden, 10-1; beat Duncan and A. W. Brown, 8-3; beat D. Quivrecourt and Hewer, 7-1.

A. L. Rumljan and J. A. Razack, beat Woodward and Dryden, 9-2; beat Duncan and A. W. Brown, 10-1; beat J. Quivrecourt and Hewer, 9-2.

INDIAN R. C. "B" P. CIVIL SERVICE C. C.

Playing at home in the 2nd Division of the Tennis League, the Indian Recreation Club (B) beat the Civil Service Cricket Club, by 51 games to 43.

S. A. Hamid and F. M. el Arelli, lost to Shepherd and Luck, 4-7; beat Best and Gilroy, 8-3; beat Nihill and Butters, 6-5.

A. Kitchell and J. Cassambhoy, beat Shepherd and Luck, 7-1; lost to Best and Gilroy, 5-6; beat Nihill and Butters, 6-5.

G. Mohamed and S. A. R. Box, beat Shepherd and Luck, 6-5; beat Best and Gilroy, 6-5; beat Nihill and Butters, 8-3.

## TENNIS.

## AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

London, May 3.—At Queen's Club in the amateur tennis championship challenge round, Barclay (the 1st) beat the Hon. C. N. Bruce, 6-2, 6-3, 6-2.—Reuter.

## BILLIARDS.

## HO KONG-TONG CUPS.

The game for to-night for Ho Kong-tong Cups at the Palace Hotel will be between Mr. K. K. Lung, 250, and Mr. A. J. Osmund—325. The game commences at 9 p.m.



## MEAL-TIME MISERIES.

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Almost everybody experiences times when the organs of digestion show painful signs of weakness. Some slight disturbance of health starts the trouble; then the sufferer turns against food, and dull heavy pains in the abdomen give warning that the stomach is no longer capable of performing its proper work. Sometimes a false craving for food arises; if satisfied the result is additional torture. Flatulence, a drowsy depression, sick headaches and nausea are other signs of indigestion.

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## LORRY ACCIDENT.

## YOUNG STUDENT KILLED INSTANTANEOUSLY.

Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co.'s motor lorry accidentally knocked over a Chinese schoolboy near the Astor House in Queen's Road about half past twelve on Saturday and, it is stated, one of the wheels passed over the boy's head, causing instantaneous death.

It has not been definitely ascertained as to what happened before the accident but another car is said to have been going in the opposite direction to that of the lorry. The boy was on his way to arrange a passage to the United States to continue his studies.

This morning it was gathered that the driver will not be charged with manslaughter. The body is being medically examined and police officers are taking statements from eye-witnesses and others in the locality but it has not been decided if an inquiry will be held. It is also mentioned that the driver has been released on \$500 bail.

## PEPPER AND ADVICE.

## ROBBERS FREE WITH BOTH.

At noon yesterday a Chinese widow, of No. 617 Shanghai Street (1st floor), Mongkok district, was visited by three robbers who in return for robbing her of a pair of gold bangles valued at \$50 gave her some advice about not talking.

She was attending to the washing in the cook-house when two of the robbers rushed in, the first man imparting the valuable hint regarding curtness and simultaneously grabbing her by the throat. The second man threw pepper into her face and slipped the bangles off her arm while the third stood guard at the door leading to the staircase. All three left in the direction of Shamshui.

## OLYMPIC VISITORS.

Swimming enthusiasts will be pleased to hear that arrangements have been made for a gala night at the V. R. C. to-morrow when members of the Japanese Olympic swimming team will be pitted against a local team which will probably comprise Messrs. J. R. Johnston, D. Lyon, A. May, C. J. Cooke, A. Botelho, A. Assumpcao, R. C. Wittchell and E. Noronha. Cooke is a former champion of the Colony and has been away for some years. Johnston and Lyon will be remembered for their prowess in recent interport contests and Wittchell and E. Noronha are the back-stroke experts.

London, May 3.—In the final of the professional billiards championship at Burroughes Hall, Newman beat Reece, the scores being: Newman, 16,000; Reece, 14,845.—Reuter.

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## FINES REMITTED.

## HOTEL ASSAULT CHARGE SEQUEL.

## MAGISTRATE'S DECISION.

Charged with disorderly conduct and assaulting Mr. J. T. Goldsmith and Mr. Harry Johnson of the Hongkong Hotel and fined \$50 each after the case had been heard on April 25, Jan Nedertof (second official) and D. A. Klaassen (fourth official) of the s.s. "Taitung" had their fines remitted to them on Saturday by order of Mr. R. E. Lindell, the Central Police Court Magistrate.

Late on Saturday morning, the case was re-heard on the application of Mr. J. T. Prior for the defence. He called as a witness Lance-Sergeant Dungey of the Police who made the arrests.

Sergeant Dungey stated that on the night in question he was off duty and in the King Edward Hotel when he heard police whistles. On reaching the Des Vaux Road entrance of the Hongkong Hotel he was asked by Mr. Johnson to arrest the two defendants. After he had inquired on what grounds, an Indian sergeant told him that a gentleman was fighting in the bar and the Indian sergeant pointed out Mr. Goldsmith who was then washing the wound on his forehead.

His Worship then decided to remit the sentences.

Mr. H. C. Macnamara was for the defence. It will be recalled that at the first hearing, a cross-summons taken out by defendants against Mr. Goldsmith was found not proved so that Saturday's decision virtually means that both summonses are dismissed. Mr. de Decker, Consul for the Netherlands, acted as interpreter.

## \$2,000 CLAIM.

A sum of \$2,000 was involved in claims before the Acting Puisne Judge, Mr. A. Dyer, Ball this morning when Hoosinbhai & Co. claimed money alleged to have been lent to Man Hing Cheung & Co., of 8A, Queen's Road Central. The defendant company was not represented and Mr. G. F. Hindle was allowed to prove the case by producing receipts. Judgment for plaintiff, with costs, was given.

## TO-DAY'S

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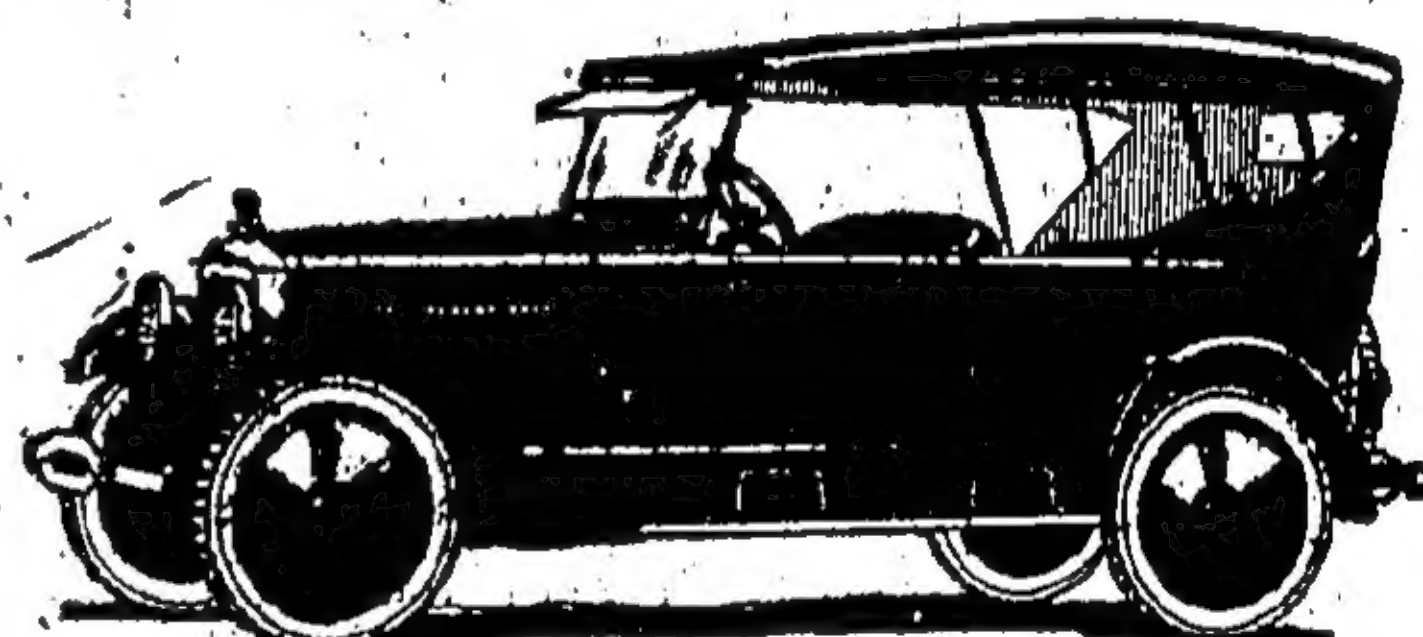
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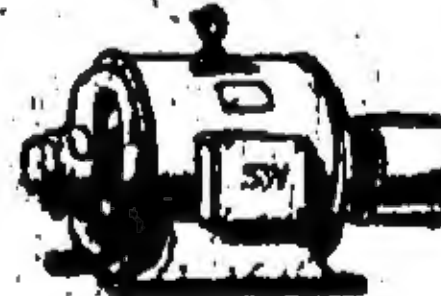
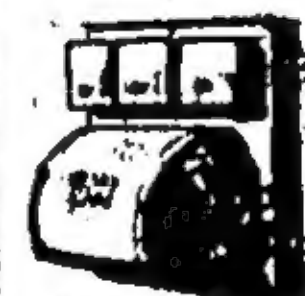
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## A RECORD?

## FIVE RACES FOR ONE EVENT.

## LUSITANO CLUB SPORTS.

It was good running weather on Saturday and some excellent performances were put up at the Race Course at the seventh annual athletic meeting of the Lusitano Recreation Club. The sensational finishes to the 100 yards open event must surely be unique in the annals of sport in the Colony. The race had to be run five times owing to dead heats, Carvalho eventually winning by inches. The first race was run in the excellent time of 10.1-5 seconds. The participation in a number of the races of about fifty competitors from Macao added much to the interest and competition.

Mr. J. C. Barreto, President of the Club, commenting on the keen tussle for the 100 yards race said that it showed consistent practice and training.

The prizes were presented by Miss Marie Cerveira de Albuquerque e Castro, daughter of the Portuguese Consul, at the conclusion of the sports.

**BOYS' RACE, 120 YARDS.—**(Handicap). Post Entries. Open to Boys under 10 years of age.

1st. Carlos Victor.

2nd. Carlos Rosario.

**120 YARDS FLAT RACE.**

1st. A. E. Carvalho.

2nd. D. Alves.

**BICYCLE RACE, 1 MILE.—**(Handicap).

1st. L. Soares. Time 3.01.

2nd. D. Silva.

**440 YARDS FLAT RACE, "SILVANE" CHALLENGE CUP.—**

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1st. A. E. Carvalho. Time 33.25.

2nd. L. A. Carvalho.

**BOYS' RACE, 40 YARDS FLAT RACE, "MATOMOURO" CHALLENGE CUP.—**

To be won three times before becoming the property of any competitor. Post Entries.

1st. C. Figueiredo. Time 56.25.

2nd. A. Ribeiro.

**EGG AND SPOON RACE, 100 YARDS.**

1st. F. Silva.

2nd. J. Campos.

**BOYS' EGG AND SPOON RACE, 50 YARDS.—**Post Entries.

1st. H. Pina.

2nd. C. Gunn.

**100 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP, "SOARES" CHALLENGE CUP.—**

Presented by A. M. L. Soares, Esq. To be won three times before becoming the property of any competitor.

1st. L. A. Carvalho.

2nd. M. P. Remedios, Jr.

**GIRLS' RACE, 100 YARDS CHAMPIONSHIP.—**Challenge Cup presented by A. O. Lang, Esq.

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1st. N. Oliveira.

2nd. N. Remedios.

**GIRLS' RACE, 100 YARDS.—**(Handicap). Open to Girls under 10 years of age. Post Entries.

1st. C. Barros.

2nd. H. Souza.

**BOYS' RACE, 100 YARDS.—**(Handicap). Open to Boys over 10 years of age. Post Entries.

1st. F. Silva.

**440 YARDS FLAT RACE.—**(Handicap). Time 54.25.

1st. C. A. Remedios.

2nd. H. A. Botelho.

**BOYS' AND GIRLS' RACE, 60 YARDS.—**(Handicap). Post Entries. Open to all children under 7 years of age.

(Boys) 1st. G. Souza, 2nd. S. Ozorio.

**BICYCLE RACE, 2 MILES.—**(Handicap).

1st. L. Soares. Time 6 m.

2nd. D. Graca.

**FLAT RACE, 220 YARDS.—**(Handicap).

1st. F. H. Carvalho. Time 25.50.

2nd. D. Alves.

**BOYS' RACE, 220 YARDS.—**(Handicap). Post Entries. Open to boys over 10 years of age.

1st. R. Castillo.

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**BOYS' SACK RACE, 50 YARDS.**

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2nd. B. Gosono.

**GIRLS' RACE, 120 YARDS.—**(Handicap). Post Entries. Open to Girls under 10 years of age.

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## REFORMS RESENTED.

PESHAWAR, May 4.—The opposition of tribes in the Kohat region has been caused by certain reforms of the Amir of Afghanistan which are considered to interfere with Mohammedan law. An outbreak of hostilities occurred at Kohat where the Mangalladim tribal forces ambushed an Afghan regiment and captured a number of rifles and ammunition. A general outbreak followed. It is reported that the rebels persuaded some smaller Afghan outposts to surrender, while Afghan regulars have been attacked at several points. Reinforcements have been dispatched to the disturbed area.—*Reuter.*

London, May 3.—There were twenty-eight starters for the London to Brighton walk, starting from the Stock Exchange, which was won by H. Grimme in 9 hours, 25 mins., 40 secs.; J. Chambers being second in 9 hours, 43 mins., 35 secs., and E. St. George Toller, third, in 9 hours, 47 mins., 3 secs.—*Reuter.*

For assaulting an opium divan keeper, a Chinese seaman has been fined \$25 for one month's hard labour and ordered to sign a bond of \$50 for six months, by Mr. E. W. Hamilton. Complainant was brought to the Yau-mat Magistrate on Friday last to give evidence against a woman charged with possession of false opium labels and evidence was given that as he was leaving the Court with a boy he was assaulted by defendant. During the hearing, His Worship thought that complainants had been intimidated and ordered the Court to be cleared.



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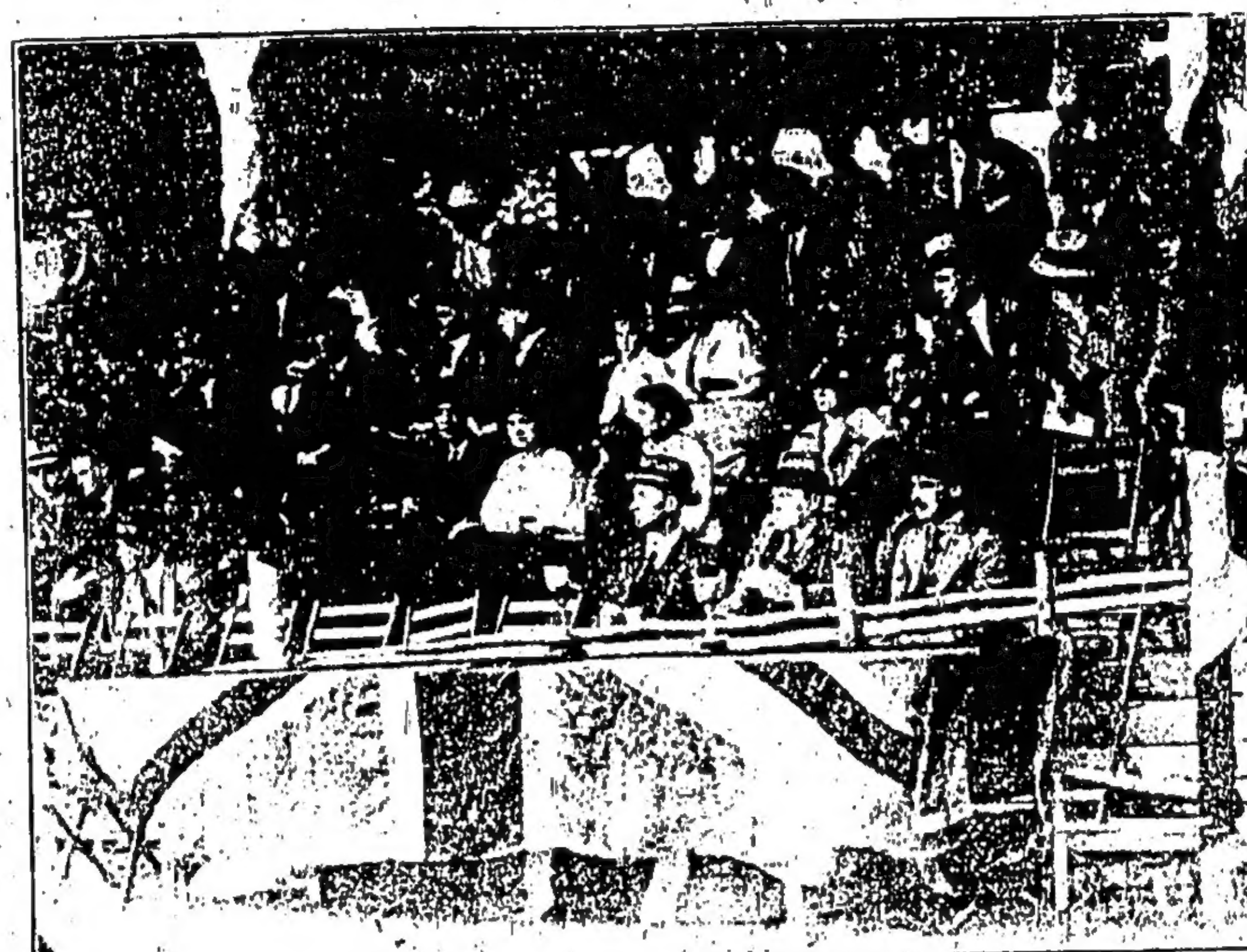


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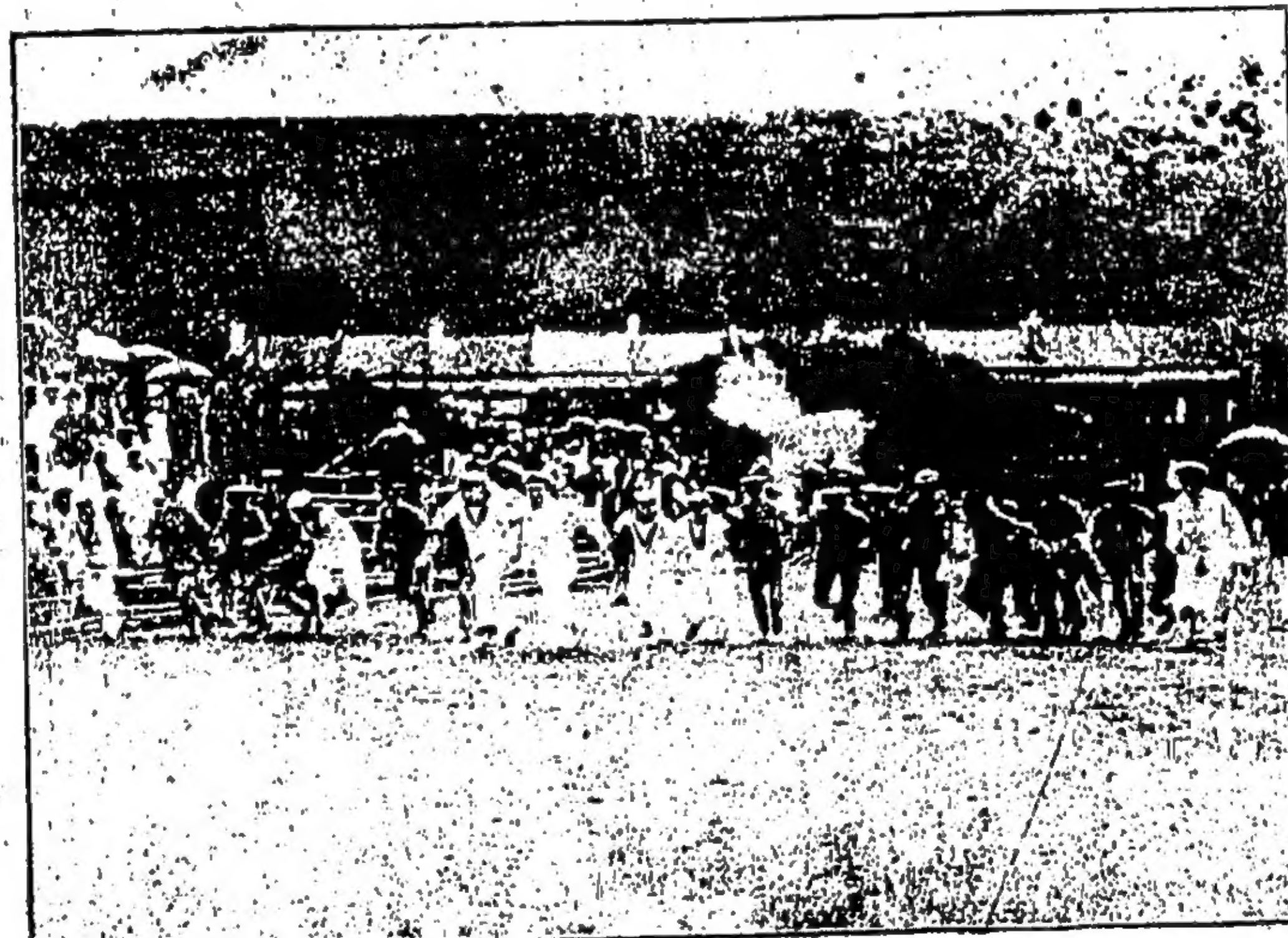


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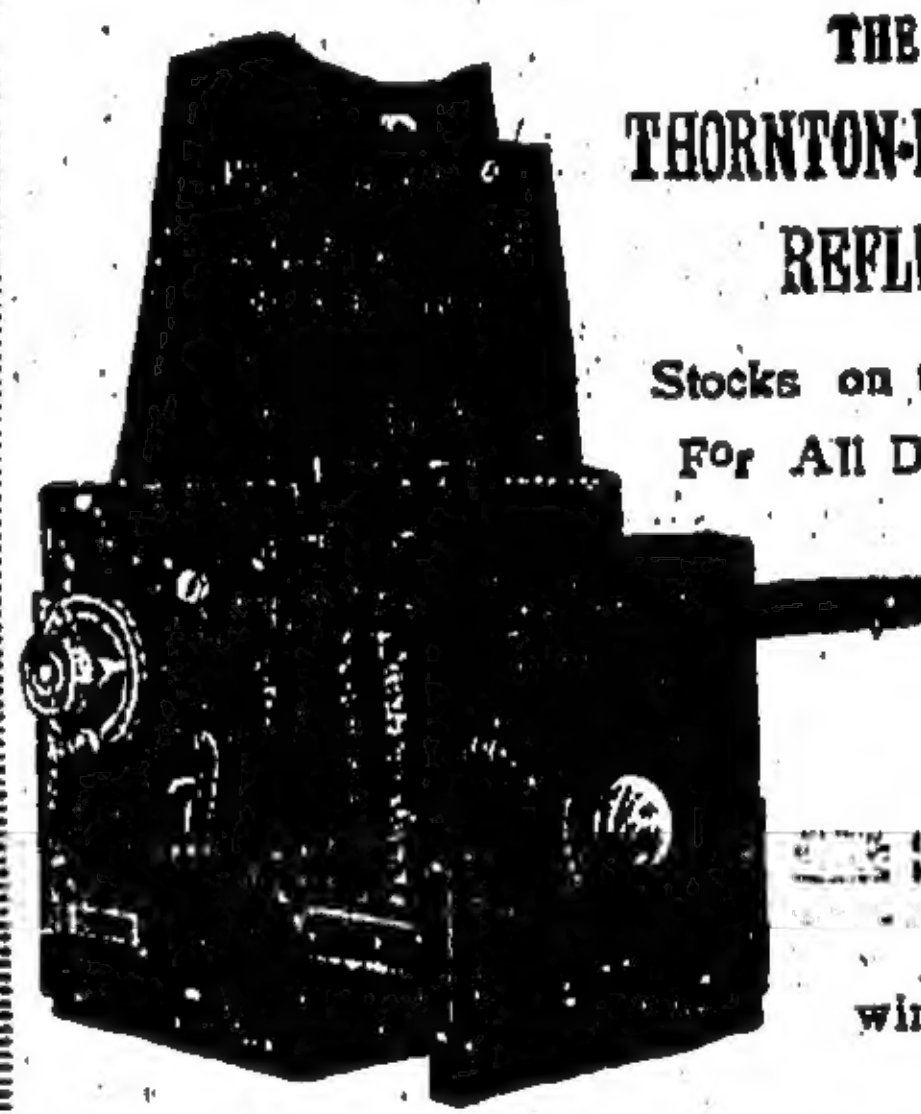
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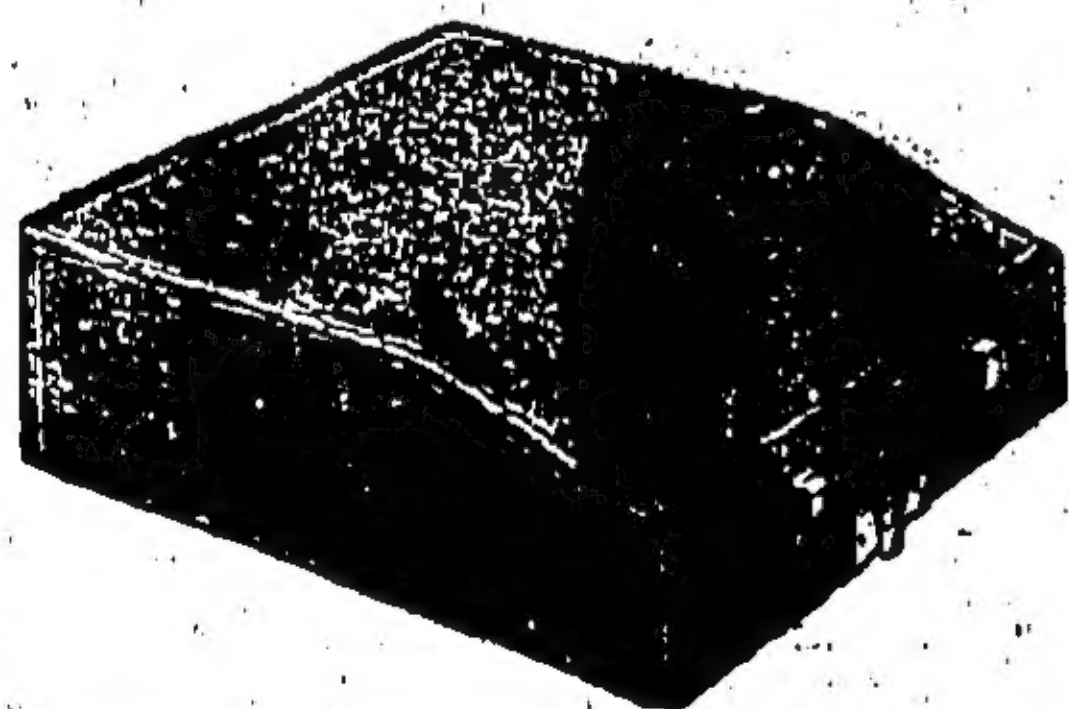
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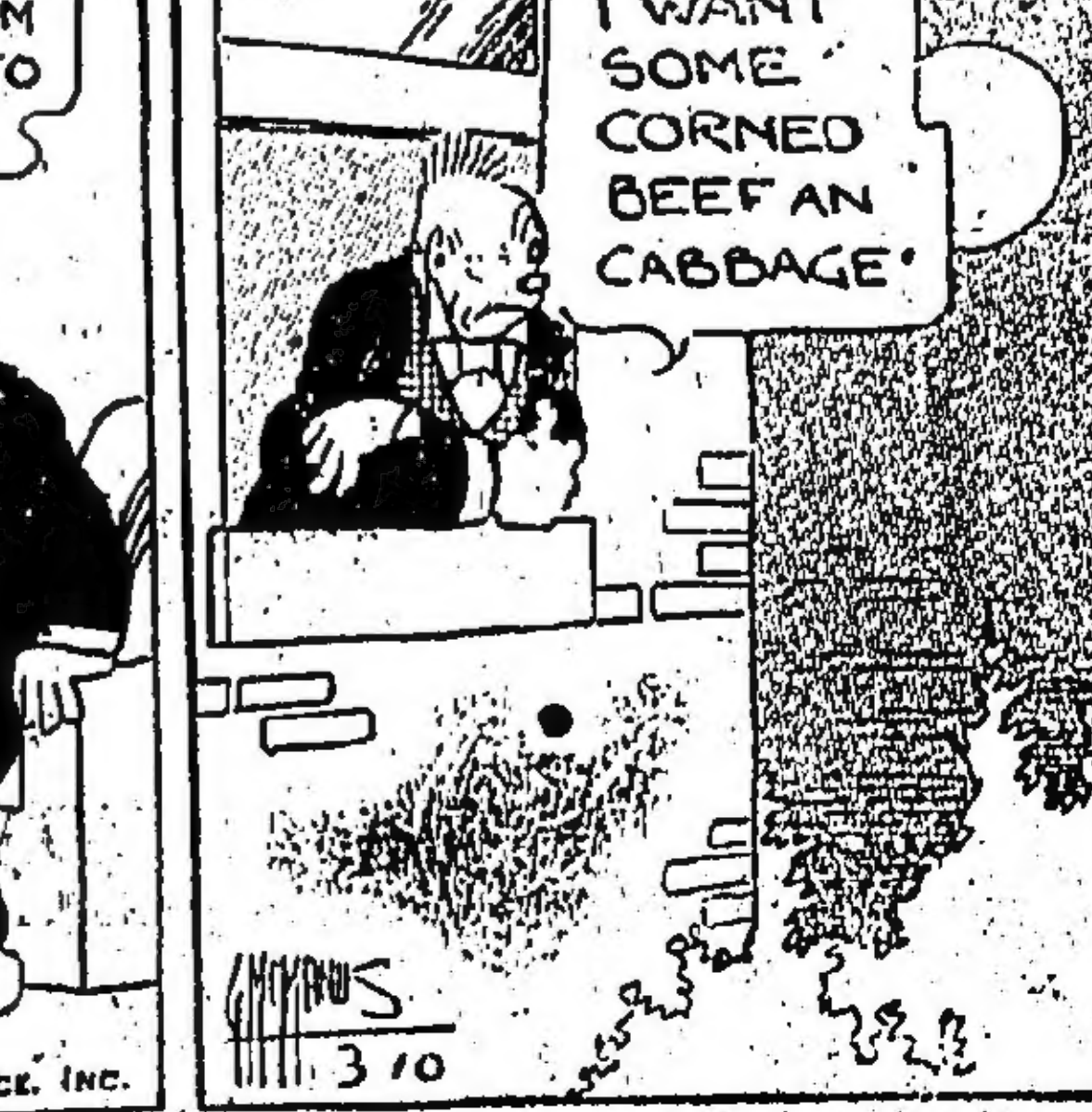
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